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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Was any sugar imported from other States for distribution in this State, and was the sugar produced here itself distributed to the people of the State in 1963-64?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information.

Construction of bridge at the North spill-way of Chingleput lake.

a * 54 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bridge is under construction at the north spill-way of Chingleput lake; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4.06 lakhs.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What is the need for a bridge at such a high cost at that place?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : To meet the requirements and standards of a national highway.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There was no necessity at all. Even the present road is quite all right and can take any kind of load or any kind of traffic just at that place. What is the special importance for this bridge, when other important bridges like the Vidur bridge, which collapsed a year before, were negelected and the bridge in Chingleput given more importance?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no comparison between the collapsed bridge and this work. This work on the highway was planned and carried out according to the priority fixed. The repair to the Vidur bridge, which the hon. Member referred to and which collapsed, is also being attended to.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government are aware of the fact that traffic has been stopped on many occasions on account of the surplus water flowing down the spill-way near Chingleput ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : That is the reason.

Tanks within the municipal limits of Madurai City

a * 55 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks within the Municipal limits of Madurai City;

(*b*) the number of unutilized tanks among them;

(*c*) whether attempts were made to have the tanks assigned; and

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(*d*) whether there is any proposal to level up these tanks and construct house therein?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Six.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) About 500 persons have encroached upon the tank bed of one of these tanks (Anuppandi tank) and put up houses. The encroachers have applied for assignment and it is under the consideration of the Collector of Madurai.

(*d*) No.

Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961.

a * 56 *Q*.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of lands taken over by Government after the implementation of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961;

(*b*) the places where and the persons from whom they have been taken over;

(*c*) the amount of compensation to be paid for those lands; and

(*d*) how the Government propose to utilize these lands?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) The process of taking over surplus lands from persons holding lands in excess of the ceiling area is in various stages. In one case only, the final stage has been reached and the lands have been taken over by the Government. The extent taken over in this case is 128.25 ordinary acres (equivalent to 42.35 standard acres).

(*b*) The lands taken over by the Government were held by Sri T. M. Jambulinga Mudaliar of Neyveli, South Arcot district, and they lie in Neyveli, Melpappanapattu, Kathalai, Manakuthi and Veppankurichi villages, South Arcot district.

(*c*) Compensation for the lands taken over has not yet been determined.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Sri, have the Government any assessment of the extent of land that they are likely to take over from this fixation?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I do not have the acreage.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Sir, what are the Government going to do with these acres taken over by them? Are they going to distribute them to the poor people or the landless people?

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